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SUBJECT: BURDENSARING

REF: US NATO 5794

1. EMBOFF DELIVERED COPY OF AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S BURDENSARING PROPOSAL (REFTTEL) TO MFA NATO OFFICE CHIEF (DA RIN) ON NOVEMBER 30 AND FOLLOWED UP WITH CALL ON DECEMBER 3 TO GET PRELIMINARY ITALIAN REACTION. ON LATTER OCCASION, DA RIN SAID FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTRIES WERE STILL REVIEWING PAPER AND HAD NOT YET BRIEFED DEFENSE MINISTER TANASSI ON SPECIFICS OF US PROPOSAL. DA RIN SAID TANASSI'S EUROGROUP PRESENTATION HAD BEEN PREPARED PRIOR TO ITS RECEIPT AND HE EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT AS TO WHETHER TIME WOULD PERMIT REVISING IT. HE NOTED THAT THE CURRENT EUROGROUP DRAFT WOULD FOCUS ON REVISING

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INFRASTRUCTURE SHARES AND ON A NEW EDIP AS BURDENSARING

FORMS THAT OFFERED THE GREATEST POSSIBILITIES. IN ANY EVENT,
DA RIN SAID HE WOULD PERSONALLY GO OVER US PROPOSAL WITH
TANASSI ON PLANE TO BRUSSELS DECEMBER 4. HE DECLINED TO
FORECAST WHAT ULTIMATE ITALIAN REACTION WOULD BE TO CALL FOR
INCREASED MILITARY PROCUREMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF
BUDGETARY SUPPORT COSTS. VOLPE

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